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Activities under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether various State Governments have made demands to include more activities/works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and if so, the details thereof indicating the names of the States;

(b) the details of activities included or proposed to be included under MGNREGS recently;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to allow the State Employment Guarantee Council to include works/ activities as per their local requirements under MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to include the
activities such as land development and construction of cow sheds, boundary-wall, cultivation of fodder crops, milking of cows etc. under the said scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)to(c): Based on suggestions and feedback received from various stakeholders including State Governments, the Ministry has comprehensively revised the list of permissible works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and notified the revised list of works vide Gazette Notification dated 3.1.2014. The revised works as listed in Para 4(1), Schedule I of MGNREGA, 2005 is at Annexure.

(d) & (e): The activities such as land development and construction of cattle sheds are included in the list of permissible activities under MGNREGA. The construction of boundary wall, cultivation of fodder crops and milking of cows are repetitive in nature and will not lead to creation of assets of prescribed quality and durability, hence these activities cannot be included in the list of permissible works under MGNREGA.

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